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Embassy will recall that in US paper of April 11 (Analysis of Non-Military Measures) Department decided against unilateral break-off diplomatic relations with USSR.

In tripartite Washington meeting June 9 Working Group decided severing diplomatic relations with USSR inadvisable under circumstances outlined REFTEL.

Accordingly Embassy may in its discretion inform FONOFF (Northe) proposal has already been considered and rejected tripartitely, largely on grounds mentioned by Wilkinson.

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